

Remarks

Claims 13-20 and 23-25 have been indicated to recite patentable subject matter. Applicant appreciates the recognition of patentable subject matter in the present invention.


Claims 1-9 and 21-22 have been canceled in this amendment and claims 13-20 and 23-25 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,692,073 to Cass. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) over Cass in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,913,542 to Belucci et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,203,069 in view of Outwater et al. Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) in view of over Cass in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,249,716 to Edens et al.

Applicant has canceled all rejected claims, and accordingly, the only pending claims have been indicated to recite allowable subject matter. Applicant requests allowance of all pending claims and the application in the next action from the Office.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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